sold in bulk to registered Co-operative Societies and National Consumers Co-operative Federation for being sold in turn to bonafide consumers in retail through Super Bazaars, Sahkari Bhandars, etc. Such goods are also offered for sale to military/police/ para-military canteens. A small quantity of consumer goods are also sold in retail through Customs Retail Shops on a 'first-come-first-serve' basis. Priority is given to bulk sales for obtaining quick returns, to avoid deterioration of the goods due to passage of time, optimum utilisation of storage space, etc. There is no source of regular supplies of such goods to the Customs Retail Shops other than the left overs from bulk sales. Goods sold in bulk, however, also reach the members of the general public through the other channel, i.e., NCCF, etc.

Instructions have been issued recently that the opening balance of items of high values such as television, video cassette recorders, wrist watches etc. should be displayed on a notice board placed prominently outside the retail shops at the beginning of sale everyday for the benefit of the general public.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen in Agra District

4260. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent residents of Agra district retired during 1988, 1989 and 1990, after completion of service in three wings of the armed forces, year-wise;

(b) the number of these retired persons who have been rehabilitated;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide accommodation to these retired persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As per the information furnished by Zila Sainik Board, Agra, the number of permanent residents of Agra, who retired during 1988, 1989 and 1990 in the three wings of the Armed Forces, is 480, 523 and 587, respectively.

(b) The details of retired personnel rehabilitated are as under:—

Year	Employed	Self employed	Total
1988	106	6	112
1989	72	11	83
1990	59	17	76

(c) and (d) Govt. do not have any proposal to provide housing to retired service personnel. However, the Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) has a self-financing scheme at Agra to provide housing facility to serving and retired Army personnel and widows of Army personnel. 50 houses were constructed by the AWHO upto 1989. 24 houses are presently under construction.

Reinstatement of Dismissed D.T.C. Employees

4261. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:
SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the